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RIGHT EMINENT SIRS AND SIR KNIGHTS:

The solemn ceremonies which anciently accompanied the creation of a Knight,--austere fasts, whole nights passed in prayer, the Sacraments of confession, penance, and the Eucharist, bathings which prefigured purity of manners and life, a white habit as a symbol of the same purity, and a serious attention to sermons--were all duties of preparation, devoutly performed by the neophyte for the sword of chivalry.****We now pledge ourselves to the pursuit of a warfare which requires no swords, demands the shedding of no blood, and exhibits no Beauseant save the cross of Him who went about doing good.****The sword of Knighthood is no longer drawn save as a symbol; but the great principles which moved and inspired the chivalric Soldier of the Temple to press forward to the rescue of the Holy Sepulchre from the profanation of infidel hordes, and to protect and afford hospitality to weary pilgrims traveling from afar, to respect and shield the virtue of woman, and protect the helpless --yet lives and finds expression in the lives of modern Templars whose swords, endowed with justice impartial, fortitude undaunted and mercy unrestrained, are never drawn in the cause of oppression, injustice or falsehood. Let us then close up the ranks, and, shoulder to shoulder, as becomes brave men and true, manfully fight the great battle of life, discharging its duties as becomes "heroes in the strife" and pressing forward to the goal with certain confidence in the Great Captain and Leader of our salvation, even Jesus Christ the Lord.

There is no secret pathway to life's glorious peaks. All of us know the way, and yet we search hours at its brink only to realize that it is our selfish quests that keep us from the joy of supreme moments. Too many times the blue skies and the sun's warm rays have been hidden behind the clouds of our human smallness and spiritual blindness. We fail to be responsive to life's unbelievable grandeur. Fail to sense our perpetual nearness to God. Fail even to be aware that good, truth and love far outweigh all else in life. In God's vineyard we find happiness is an outgrowth of harmony, of working together in unity; and that the power and glory of life is found in the spirit of brotherhood. Open wide now your heart--become part of God's World. - H.S.C.C.

This is the last issue of the Templar for the current year. I hope all of you may have gained something from its pages. To Rt. Em. Sir George A. Weeks, Rt. Em. Sir Frank H. Wilson and Miss Dorothy Fowler, our office secretary--my thanks and deep appreciation for their fine cooperation and assistance in its publication.

To all Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction--May you have a very happy and restful vacation period and return to your duties in the Fall refreshed and ready to carry on.

Courteously yours,

Frederic Kennedy
Grand Commander.

OLIVET COMMANDERY #36 OUTDOOR SERVICE
MANNING BOWL LYNN,MASS. JUNE 7, 1953

REPORT ON ARRIVAL TO FRASER FIELD which adjoins MANNING BOWL with entrance on Locust St. Eminent Sirs Burnham Whitehouse, Herbert Weed, Harry A. Hemingway and Harvey W. Foster will be on the field prepared to answer all questions.

NATIONAL COLORS - BEAUSEANTS - STATE FLAGS. Report to Eminent Sir Harold L. Burr on Fraser Field.

STANDARDS. Form at head of your Commandery to identify Commandery.

FORMATION. Commanderies will form in threes with the STANDARD at head of Commandery. Take place with your division which will be identified by marker. Be prepared to march NOT LATER THAN 3:10 P.M.

ORDER OF MARCH. Enter through main gate. Column right and follow track to far end of field. At end of field, Standards will be taken out of line and assembled. Sir Knights column left at centre of field and pass between goal posts to guards stationed at base of triangle. Follow pattern of grand march following direction given by guards (first rank of three column right, second column left, then each rank alternate), to guards stationed at ends of triangle base. At ends of base -- column right or left following escorts to apex of triangle, marching close order. Halt FACING PLATFORM. Commands from platform will be as follows: Sir Knights - Present swords (this is for the National Anthem) Carry Swords - Order Swords - To Your Devotions Kneel. After Invocation - Sir Knights Arise - Carry Swords - Dismissed.

DISMISSAL. On order Dismissed, Massed Colors will lead way off field. Sir Knights will follow escorts to apex of triangle then column right or left and around speakers' platform to main gate and through Fraser Field to stands where sections will be reserved for Sir Knights only.

STANDARDS. On being taken out of line, Standards will be assembled at end of field and marched to a position forming a line parallel with base of triangle. On dismissal, line will march company front to platform, then left flank and off the field to stands.

PLEASE. This is a religious service. No smoking or applause during the service.

BUSSES. Parking for busses will be provided at end of Fraser Field.

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PAST COMMANDERS ASS'N LADIES NIGHT - was held in Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, April 29th with over 100 Eminent Sirs and their Ladies in attendance. After partaking of a fine Seiler's Banquet, a vaudeville show was enjoyed, featuring Scottie Burbank, instrumentalist, star of T.V. and Radio as Master of Ceremonies. Each Lady was presented with a beautiful corsage,and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

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Recent visitors to Grand Commandery office, Sir Knights George F. Childs, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Washington, and Chester G.Coles, R.E.P.G.C. of the State of Iowa.

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On Wednesday,May 13th, Hugh de Payens,#20 Melrose, Mass., conferred the Order of the Red Cross in full costume and ceremonial, with special lighting effects, with Em.Sir Frank C. Greeley, Past Commander, as King Darius, and a supporting cast of forty,upon a class of 45 candidates. On Friday, May 15th, the Order of Malta was conferred, with full ceremonial, when the entire cast was outfitted with new costumes, upon a very large class, with Sir Knight Frank H. Wilson, R.E.P.G.C., as Director.

June will bring to a close the present "Petition" year, in so far as "intake" is involved. Losses, however, will continue to count against us for the next 2 months. With no Conclaves in these two months of July and August, there is obviously no opportunity in these two months to add to our gross gains.

What we have accomplished so far this year will be greatly reduced during those two months if we suspend members or grant demits. Let us hold what progress we have made by carefully and diplomatically handling requests for demits, and by extending charity to those who might otherwise have to withdraw.

Throughout the entire year all over these two states of ours, the Sir Knights have enthusiastically joined with your Grand Officers in their efforts, and real progress has been made. There has been a great influx of new members into many of our Commanderies, particularly the large ones,but there is one thing here we must watch out for, that our work is not yet fully completed. During the conferring of the Orders upon these many candidates, we feel certain they were tremendously impressed with the beauty of the work dramatizing the eternal truths. To fully complete our work, it is necessary to continue our individual interest in these newly created Sir Knights, enlist their services in the various activities of your Commandery, encourage them to attend your Conclaves -- develop Red Cross Teams and Full Form Malta Teams and give these new members a place on these teams.

Some of our older fraters will no doubt recall that after World War I there was a great increase in membership, followed by a great depression, from which many Masonic bodies have not yet fully recovered. We lost members because we did not complete what was begun when the Orders were conferred upon the candidates.

We can prevent such a re-happening if we do our part now. We can minimize losses by instilling into the minds of these new members the enthusiasm, the loyalty and devotion which has spurred you and me to give our utmost to the building of Massachusetts and Rhode Island Knight Templary.

Frank H. Wilson, M.P.S.
For the Committee

TRUTH IS STRONGER THAN FICTION

Excerpt from address of J. Howard Hering, R.E.G.C. of the State of New Jersey:

...As we enter upon the duties that lie ahead, we should be inspired by the history of our Order. It is more dramatic than any book of fiction ever written. In a span of 200 years (1118 to 1312), the Order of Knights Templar grew from a small group of eight Crusaders to one of the most powerful and influential religious and military organizations the world has ever known. At the zenith of its usefulness to mankind, the Order fell victim to a conspiracy of a Church and State alliance. Its leader, Jacques de Molay, was burned at the stake; its property confiscated; and its membership dispersed; but the spirit of Templary would not die.

Today, 835 years after its founding, we, the Masonic Knights Templar of 1953, are engaged as were our forefathers, in performing acts of charity and deeds of pure beneficence. As modern Knights of the Cross, we are active in the support and maintenance of the Constitution of the United States, the Christian religion and the practice of Christian virtues.

Let us, therefore, rededicate ourselves to the principles which were so dear to the ancient Templars, and by precept and example, exert our best endeavors to make this troubled world of ours a better place in which to live.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREENFIELD, MASS.

June 10 to 13 -- Parade on June 13. Lunch will be served to all Knights in uniform from 11:30 to 12:30,E.D.T.,on June 13, in Grinnel Hall Masonic Temple. Parade starts at 1 p.m. The Sir Knights will be massed as well as the flags led by the Captain of the Guard,then the Commander, Generalissimo and Capt.General of the Conn. Valley Commandery,followed by those from the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R.I. and from other jurisdictions,then all Sir Knights in Uniform. Will each Commander advise Em.Sir Herbert A.Lang not later than June 10 the approximate number he will bring so that he may make satisfactory arrangements for lunch. Upon arrival at Greenfield, please get in touch with Em. Sirs John Metzler, Frank Yeaw or the Commander for further instructions.

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Ed. Note: Wishing all Sir Knights a very pleasant, restful summer!

COMMANDERIES	8 MOS.	MAY	TOT.	QUOTA
St. Johns	17	1	18	65
Boston	48	12	60	110
Newburyport	7		7	16
Washington	2		2	6
Worcester County	13	7	20	30
Springfield	26	-	26	30
De Molay	31	6	37	85
Holy Sepulchre	21	1	22	18
Pilgrim	7		7	20
Palestine	2	1	3	10
Milford	4		4	6
St. Bernard	7		7	6
Calvary	23	-	23	35
Haverhill	27	6	33	20
Old Colony	7-	1	8-	15
Sutton	16		16	45
Bethany	3	1	4	10
Winslow Lewis	8	2	10	12
Jerusalem	11	3	14	25
Hugh de Payens	36	9	45	60
St. Omer	19	2	21	20
Berkshire	5	4	9	15
Conn. Valley	4	1	5	12
Woonsocket	21		21	35
God. de Bouillon	11	1	12	10
Joseph Warren	5	3	8	5
Narragansett	13	1	14	12
Bristol	7	1	8	20
Northampton	7	1	8	6
South Shore	7		7	12
Trinity	14	1	15	15
Natick	2	2	4	10
Coeur de Lion	18	10	28	25
Gethsemane	31	1	32	65
Olivet	14	11	25	20
Athol	2		2	5
Bay State	7		7	25
Cyprus	6		6	12
St. Paul	6	1	7	10
Beauseant	12	5	17	18
Cambridge	6	3	9	6
Bethlehem	7		7	8
Orange	2	1	3	5
Ivanhoe	28		28	25
Quincy	18		18	12
Temple	9		9	28
St. Andrew	4		4	15
Reading	5	1	6	25
T. Smith Webb	3		3	10
Sir Galahad	2	1	3	8
TOTAL	611	101	712	

FIRST NINE MONTHS

	OBJ.	ATT.
Sept.	72	52
Oct.	99	77
Nov.	69	57
Dec.	91	61
Jan.	115	98
Feb.	137	88
Mar.	141	101
Apr.	119	77
May	89	101
June	67	

ACCUMULATIVE

	OBJ.	ATT.
Sept.	73	52
Oct.	172	129
Nov.	241	186
Dec.	332	247
Jan.	447	345
Feb.	584	433
Mar.	725	535
Apr.	844	611
May	933	712
June	1000	

COMPARSION

	1953	1952	1951	1950
Sept.	52	97	63	52
Oct.	129	215	125	144
Nov.	186	277	185	185
Dec.	247	352	264	270
Jan.	345	484	345	391
Feb.	433	583	469	582
Mar.	534	730	557	813
Apr.	611	852	665	906
May	712	952	731	969
June		1003	804	1040

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Eminent Commander:

There is only ONE MONTH remaining in our "petition year", and while our figures through the month of May are higher than the entire year of 1947 and also higher than the entire year of 1948 and we have a good chance to beat 1949, yet we are lower than any of the three previous years. We can make up for this by having a higher percentage of knightings.

LET US THEN BE SURE TO KNIGHT EVERY CANDIDATE - DO NOT LEAVE ANY "HOLD-OVERS". This will give you a HIGHER NET GAIN and NET GAIN IS WHAT COUNTS MOST.

Courteously yours,

FRANK H. WILSON, CHAIR.
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